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1. The Machine Factory of the Maszolah Company (Maszolah-Gépgyár), formerly Mohrenstein & Popper, is located in the Budapest suburb of Pestlőrinc at Gyömrői út 79-83, Budapest XVIII.
2. The Machine Factory is jointly owned by the USSR and Hungary. After the end of the war there was extensive dismantling; however, during the years 1948 and 1949 the factory was modernized and equipped with new machinery. As of beginning 1954 the entire installation is in very good condition.

4. The factory is visited approximately once a month by a commission charged with the acceptance of the production for the USSR. The commission consists of three to four Soviet civilians and their Hungarian interpreters. In addition, Soviet technicians make inspections of the factory at irregular intervals.
5. Work is done in three shifts, each shift having 180 male workers and 20 female workers.
6. The production of the factory consists of the following:
 - a. Narrow-gauge mine locomotives; according to information given at the Party meeting, the monthly production quota is 250 units. As is the case with all other quotas, however, this figure is not being achieved.
 - b. Narrow-gauge mine cars; production quota unknown.
 - c. Truck trailers; monthly quota: 50 units. Trailers to be used as living quarters, for collective farms, the so-called machine and tractor stations; monthly production quota: 25 units.

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- d. Drilling machines; monthly production quota: 2 units.
 - e. Concrete mixing machines with 250-300 liter content; monthly production quota: 3 units.
7. The reason for nonfulfillment of the production quota can be found in the poor quality and the late delivery of the raw materials. Approximately 20 percent of the production ordered for the USSR is not accepted by the Soviet Control Commission because of bad workmanship. About 50 percent of the production goes to the USSR and the remaining 50 percent, which, however, to a large extent consists of goods rejected by the USSR, remains on the domestic market. The dispatch of goods to the USSR is handled via the Kőbánya freight station.
 8. The factory is supplied with steel and iron by the Pestlőrinc Rolling Mill; coal is supplied from the Tatabánya district, and electric power by the Bányászati power plant.
 9. The factory is guarded by a 12-man guard detail of the black-uniformed industrial police. The detail is under the command of an AVH lieutenant. There is a 24-hour guard detail consisting of two men armed with rifles stationed at the main entrance facing Győmrői út; at night there is also a roving two-man patrol within the factory area. The workers of the factory, office employees, and the technical personnel must have passes with pictures; strangers must have permission from the AVH lieutenant for entering the factory. The factory area, approximately 300 x 220 m, is surrounded by a wooden fence.

Legend to the enclosed sketch of the Maszólaj Machine Factory:

1. Assembling plant for machine tools and concrete mixing machines; area approximately 120 x 65 m.
2. Assembling plant for truck trailers and trailers to be used as living quarters; approximately 80 x 40 m.
3. Workshop hall with several processing departments; approximately 100 x 50 m.
4. Raw material depot; approximately 60 x 40 m.
5. Canteen (first floor), Party secretariat (second floor); approximately 20 x 10 m.
6. Administration buildings, three stories.
7. Assembling plant for mine locomotives and mine cars; approximately 120 x 80 m.
8. Lavatories and dressing rooms for the personnel.
9. Scrap-metal depot.
10. Entrance with gatekeeper's house.

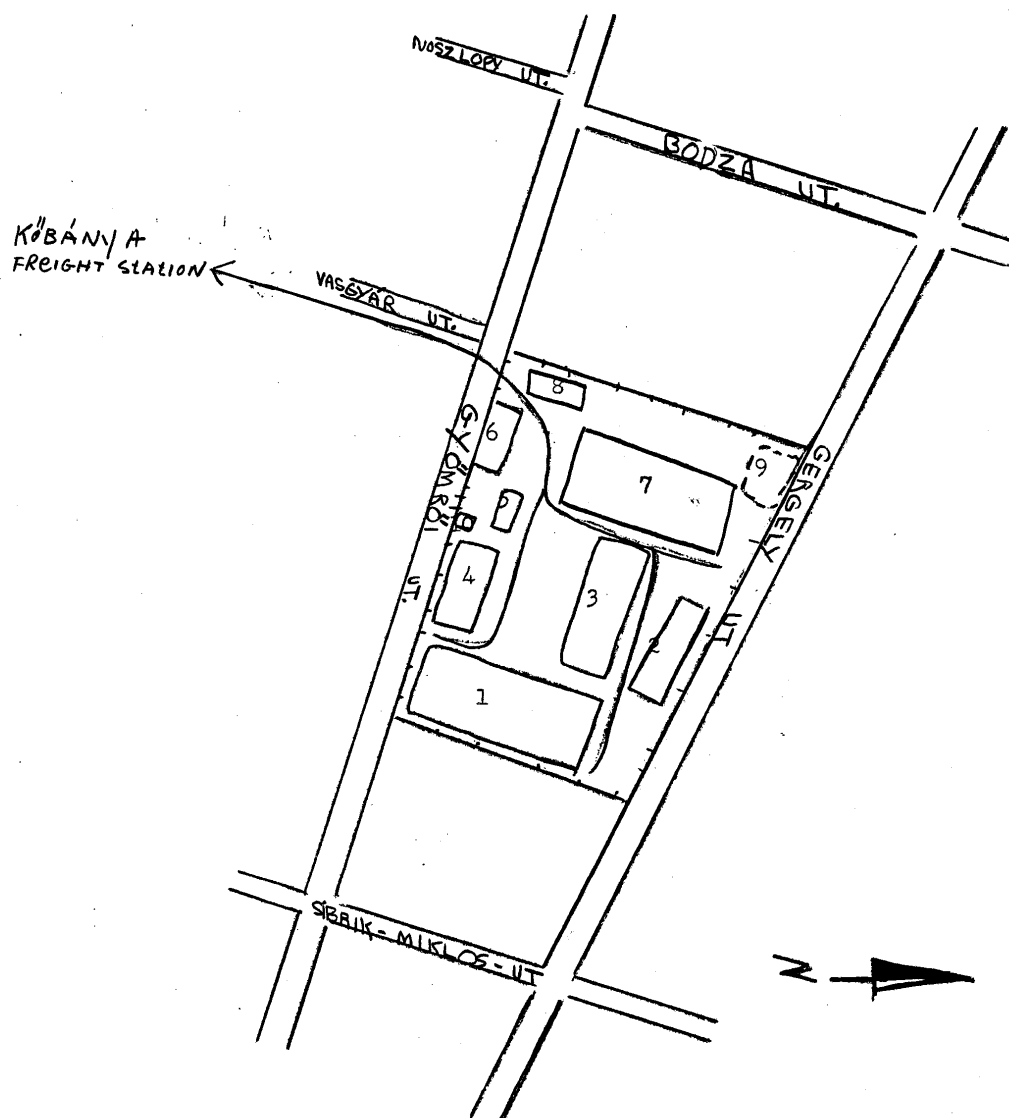
Annex: Sketch - map of the Maszólaj Machine Factory Budapest (1 page)

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ANNEX: Maszolaj Machine Factory, Budapest



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